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On July 29, poloff delivered reftel demarche to Tove Skagerwall, Desk Officer at the MFA. Skagerwall said Sweden is a strong supporter of Turkey's accession to the EU. In a press statement on July 30, Foreign Minister Carl Bildt positively reacted to the decision by the Turkish Constitutional Court not to ban the AK Party.

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"The decision opens up for further reforms, ensuring Turkey's further progress in line with European norms of democratic governance, human rights and the rule of law. The Council of Europe stands ready to assist in this process."

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